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PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

OCTOBER 2014

September Agenda

Monday, Oct 13, 2014 at

6:45–8pm

Hampton Inn

Wall St & W. Marine View Dr.

6th Floor Breakfast Room

6:45 Meet and Greet
7:00 Welcome
7:05 Sgt. Jack Jessup
Everett Police Department
7:20 Announcements
7:25 **MAYOR STEPHANSON!**

Is accessibility a problem? Contact a Board member! We will find you a ride.

*To get the newsletter or updates about future events by e-mail contact:

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Note from your Chair

Welcome autumn!

This month it will be a pleasure to welcome Mayor Ray Stephanson at our neighborhood meeting. We look forward to our 'state of the city' update! There are some very exciting doings! We will be meeting at the brand new Hampton Inn on West Marine View Drive. This is quite an impressive hotel in our neighborhood.

In this issue of our newsletter I've included an article about Everett's history. . . November 2016 will be the anniversary of the Everett massacre. The Bayside and Port Gardner Neighborhoods share the approximate site location in 2015 with Historic Everett and the future Everett Museum will propose a special way of commemorating Everett's past. Watch for details and future meetings. In the meantime, if the article we are publishing in this issue intrigues you or encourages you to learn more about this town's history, visit the Everett Public Library and read the book, Mill Town by author Norman C. Clark. By the way... 'this place matters'.

See you on the 13th!

~ Andrea

Please complete the survey!!!

The school district will soon be deciding the fate of the Longfellow (school) building right here in the Longfellow/Port Gardner Neighborhood . . . Are they thinking 'parking lot'?

- "We are asking the community to share their thoughts about these drafted options and to suggest other options in several ways," explained Mike Gunn, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations.

"We hope you will take time to visit with us **next Thursday** to learn more about the process and leave comments. Or, if attending that session isn't possible, we invite community members to leave your comments online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EPS_PropertyManagementSurvey

We also welcome questions and comments via email at property@everettsd.org

We'll merge public input from the survey, from email and from the meeting with other site and market information being gathered and updated. The Capital Facilities Advisory Council will study this information between now and November before a board decision in December."

The October through December timeline is outlined on the Facilities and Planning website at:

<http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-58784/For%20Website%20-%20Property%20Management%20Schedule%20Graphic.pdf>

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, School Board and Port of Everett meetings are usually not available in time for our Newsletter. **Please check the websites a few days ahead to confirm.**

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL Everett City Hall 3002 Wetmore Ave City Council Chambers
October 8, 15, 29 at 6:30pm **October 22 at 12:30pm**
Check <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID-10> for Agendas and podcasts of Everett City Council Meetings

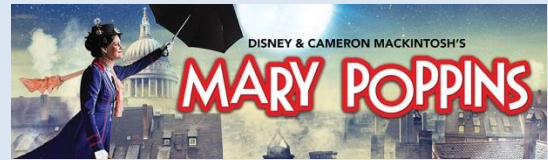
PORT OF EVERETT Waterfront Center 1205 Craftsman Way Blue Heron Room
October 14 and 28 at 5:00pm *10/28 meeting will be a special meeting at the Port of Everett
Check <http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=193> for Agendas and
<http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=255> for podcasts of Port of Everett meetings

EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD Community Resource Center 3900 Broadway
October 14 and 28 at 4:30pm **November 4 and 18 at 4:30pm**
Check <http://www.boarddocs.com/wa/waesd/Board.nsf/Public> for Agendas

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

The Village Theatre's 2014/2015 season starts in Everett on Halloween!
Performances included in the new season are:

1. Into the Heights
October 31 – November 23, 2014
A Hip Hop Musical with a Salsa Beat
2. Mary Poppins
January 9 – February 8, 2015
Practically Perfect in Every Way
3. Around the World in 80 Days
March 6-29, 2015
A Wildly Wacky and Hilarious Journey
4. No Way to Treat a Lady
May 1-24, 2015
A New Musical Comedy w/ A Murderous Twist
5. Cabaret
July 10 – August 2, 2015
Leave Your Troubles at the Door



CITY OF EVERETT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 6:30pm
Location: William E. Moore – Historic City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3002 Wetmore Ave

Agenda Item 1: Request for Planning Commission to sponsor a code change for the Norton/Grand Historic Overlay Zone:

*Please take note that Item 1 on the agenda is a proposed **major change in zoning in the Norton Grand Historic Overlay** to allow additional height and live/work units. This will affect not only the residential streets, but the Norton Ball field and Doyle Park.

PGNA Fights BNSF Track Crossing Closure

In July, when BNSF abruptly closed the crossing between the Forgotten Creek Trail and the Port's trail to Pigeon Creek (Junction) Beach, you began battling back. Many residents wrote to the mayor asking the city to intervene. At the PGNA meeting on September 8, 45-50 people met at the fence on Bond St. to voice objection to the closing and sign petitions. Two City Council members, Rich Anderson and Brenda Stonecipher, were among the group. They followed up at the next City Council meeting by discussing the problem with the rest of the Council members, city staff, and neighbors. At an upcoming meeting, the Council plans to vote on a resolution condemning BNSF's action.



Some of you have asked what more you can do. The next step is to request help from our congressional delegation. Rick Larsen is in a good position to talk with BNSF. He sits on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Contact him through his website at <http://larsen.house.gov/contact-rick/email-rick>. Maria Cantwell is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Her website is <http://www.cantwell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-maria>. You can reach Patty Murray at <http://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contactme>. You elected these people and they want to hear from you when you have concerns. Because Congress has given great power to the railroads, its members are in a good position to help. Ask them to intervene with BNSF on your behalf.

You can also help by coming to the upcoming October PGNA meeting to hear what Mayor Stephanson has to say. He will surely bring up the crossing closure and let us know what the city's response has been and what more they hope to do. Keep up the good work. You're making a difference.

Gantry Cranes Will Stay in Place

In 2005 the Port of Everett obtained a shoreline permit to locate two large gantry cranes on Pacific Terminal to aid in the loading and unloading of cargo ships. The biggest problem with this location was that the cranes dominated the direct view of many residents to the east. The plan was to relocate the cranes to South Terminal after three to five years. The time was to be used to strengthen South Terminal. After several years of time extensions granted by Hearing Examiner, James Driscoll, technical, environmental, and financial problems with the plan arose. The strengthening of South Terminal never happened. This year the Port applied to revise the permit to allow the cranes to be permanently located at Pacific Terminal.

On August 28, a public hearing was held at which several Port Gardner neighbors testified. Many others submitted written comments. The testimony offered creative solutions to make the cranes less prominent, but, in his ruling on September 25, the Hearing Examiner granted the Port's request. The cranes will stay where they are. In order to help mitigate the effects of the cranes, the Port volunteered \$25,000 to the city which is studying possible ways to use the money.

Join the Bridge Group

The Port Gardner bridge group is always looking for players. It meets every other Thursday from 7- 10 PM. We try to improve our game and have fun doing it. From beginners to advanced players, all levels are welcome. If you're interested, call **Jean Murphy at 425 303-0127** for more information.

The Everett Massacre

Sunday, November 5, 1916 marked the bloodiest battle in Pacific Northwest labor history. The Everett Massacre (also known as Bloody Sunday) was an armed confrontation between local authorities and members of the [Industrial Workers of the World](#) (IWW) union, commonly called "Wobblies. The event marked a time of rising tensions in [Pacific Northwest](#) labor history.

A confrontation had been in the making for some time. Everett was an industrial mill town, with a predominance of lumber and shingle mills. Workers faced long hours and dangerous working conditions. Furthermore, the shingle economy operated in boom and bust cycles and wages were unsteady. For these reasons, much of the city's male work force was unionized by the early 1900s.

In spring of 1916, the shingle economy had recovered from a sharp recession, yet workers in Everett mills were not receiving scale pay. The confrontation between businesses and labor organizers led to a strike, along with numerous labor-organized rallies and speech. These were opposed by local law enforcement, which was firmly on the side of business. So, to show their support, IWW organizers came into Everett for the rallies, only to be beaten with axe handles and run out of town.

The IWW members then decided to return to Everett, in greater numbers. On November 5, 1916, about 300 Wobblies boarded the steamers [Verona](#) and [Calista](#) which then headed north to Everett. Meanwhile word reached Everett that a group of armed anarchists was coming to burn their town. Two hundred citizen deputies, under the authority of Snohomish County Sheriff Donald McRae, met at the dock to prevent the boats from landing. A single shot was fired, followed by minutes of chaotic shooting. Whether the first shot came from boat or dock was never determined. Passengers aboard the Verona rushed to the opposite side of the ship, nearly capsizing the vessel. Bullets pierced the pilot house, and the Verona's captain struggled to back it out of port. The Calista returned to Seattle, without trying to land. While the official I.W.W. toll was listed as 5 dead and 27 wounded, as many as 12 Wobblies probably lost their lives, their bodies surreptitiously recovered from the bay at a later date. Two citizen deputies also lay dead at the end of the mayhem.



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